Subject No. 220.

Opening of model Farms.

Mr. Narnappa of Turuvekere Sub-Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Agricultural Model Farms for instruction to the raiyats may be opened in each Taluk.

Withdrawn.

Subject No. 221.

Agricultural Model holdings etc.

Mr. Graham Anderson, C.I.E.

Summary of discussion.—Expresses congratulations for establishing Agricultural model holdings.

Mr. Anderson read a memo complimenting Government on the order recently passed and suggesting that experimental farms for coffee may be established; that an entomologist was an absolute necessity and that the Durbar may give the new Statistical and Commercial Bureau their cordial sympathy (*vide* appendix D 2).

Reply of Government.—These will be considered carefully as well as the Bureau of Trade etc.

Subject No. 222.

Entomologist to Government.

Mr. Graham Anderson, C. I. E.

Summary of discussion.—Employment of an Entomologist to Government is a necessity.

Reply of Government.—*Vide* Subject No 221.

Subject No. 223.

Improved training in agriculture.

Mr. C. B. Gopal Rao, Kolar Town Municipality.
„ Sreekantaiya, Maddagiri Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—In view to introduce improvements in agriculture, it is requested (*a*) that competent men be deputed to teach improved methods of agriculture in places where it is not up to the standard; (*b*) that as a sort of encouragement the Government be pleased to supply gratis seed grains of such products as are not generally grown in the Province or certain part of the Province.

Withdrawn.

Subject No. 224.

Arrangements to cultivate certain lands by Government agency.

Mr. Amble Annaiya, Pandit, District Board Member, Mysore.

Summary of discussion.—Arrangements may be made to cultivate by Government agency, the lands situated about four or five feet high on the banks of rivers, such as Cauvery and Kapila, by employing improved machinery, so that the raiyats may derive a lesson thereby.

Reply of Government.—This is under consideration, but the policy is to encourage private agency with Government support and guidance.

Subject No. 225.

Introduction of improved agricultural machinery.

Mr. C. Vasudeva Rao of Chikmagalur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Improved agricultural machinery may be introduced into the Province.

Reply of Government.—This will be done gradually and to the extent possible.

Subject No. 226

English ploughs at Taluk Head-quarters.

Messrs. Krishna Iyengar of Turuvekere Sub-Taluk and B. Garudachar.

Summary of discussion.—(1) English ploughs may be sold at reduced rates by Government at Taluk Head-quarters for the use of raiyats.

(2) European and American implements of agriculture may be purchased and distributed by Government among the owners of lands who have taken up agriculture as their profession.

Reply of Government.—People should associate themselves and move in the matter. Government are quite prepared to help them.

Subject No. 227.

Authorizing Taluk Boads to purchase agricultural implements.

Mr. K. Venkatasubbaiya of Nanjangud.

Summary of discussion.—It has been ordered to instruct the raiyats in the new method of agricultural operations. Mere instructions will not give sufficient knowledge. It gives a practical training, the new materials

must be tried on one or two acres of land so that the raiyats may appreciate the results. It is therefore proposed that every Taluk Board may be authorized to spend Rs. 250 for purchasing the required implements for imparting practical training to the Agricultural class.

Reply of Government.—Government will be quite willing to afford all reasonable aid in this matter.

Subject No. 228.

Help to poor raiyats by lending seeds.

Messrs. Amble Annaiya Pandit, District Board Member, Mysore, and Nadig Ranga Rao, Honnali Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is requested that arrangements may kindly be made to lend the poor raiyats best seeds (Paddy, Ragi and Jola) for sowing purposes, recovering the cost thereof after the harvest.

Government may try and find suitable agency to instruct the raiyat what to grow, when to grow, what seeds are the best, etc.

Reply of Government.—The exchange of good and use ful seeds from one part to another is very desirable and raiyats may be encouraged to improve their crops. Some agency is necessary for this purpose. The matter will be considered.

Subject No. 229.

Koleroga to areca crop.

Messrs. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga Municipality, A. Narasimha Iyengar, Pleader, Keladi Venkatappa, Sagar Taluk and Kigga Channakesava Rao of Koppa Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Agricultural Chemist may be asked to make a tour in the Malnad in the months of July, August and September when the disease puts in its appearance. To Subject No. 182 of 1903 the Government was pleased to reply that the matter was under investigation of the Chemist. It is submitted that a close investigation on the spot would better enable him to find out the cause and suggest the remedy.

Reply of Government.—The suggestion will be communicated to the Agricultural Chemist.

Subject No. 230.

Granting permission to bring green leaves from kans for manure.

Mr. BhaskaraRao.

Summary of discussion.—Portions of Soppinabettas assigned for the use of the gardens in the malnad are rocky and trees do not grow thereon. In the rainy season, leaf will be wanted for manure. In summer it will suffice if the required quantity of leaf be procured for covering the manure put in the garden. If soppu (leaves) is removed from Soppinabettas every year the trees will disappear. It has been the practice from time immemorial to bring green leaf from the nearest kans for manure. But the Government authorities now object to this. It is therefore requested that this restriction may be removed. Permission may also be granted to bring dry wood from the kans which will otherwise be allowed to lie in the kans and become unfit for use. Permission may be granted for selling timber in occupied kans to the holders of such kans on levy of the cost thereof. If the timber be sold in a public auction, the khatedars will suffer much loss.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered; but much concession need not be expected.

Subject No. 231.

Applications for Land Improvement loans.

Mr. Varada Iyengar of Hassan Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Applications for Land Improvement Loans may be disposed of within a fortnight after their receipt, as it would help the applicant to effect improvements on lands in time.